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Mr. Suttles

I have been thinking about your offer to play ball with your club very much; however just now I am in no condition to leave my family.

On that barnstorming tour thru Va. & S.C. I lost plenty and when I returned to Pittsburgh, I didn't receive anything in fact I owed the club. While I was gone my wife taken sick then I was stuck with

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Other hand If I can't settle my debts  
I think its best that I work, but I  
do like to play ball very much indeed.

Sincerely Yours

Joe Atkins  
of the Phil. Crawfords  
3rd base  
short stop

P.S.

Would like to hear your reply.

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a doctor bill.

When we played our last two games  
in Portsmouth I seen the fellow that  
was with you in Richmond. He thought  
maybe I could have gone from Portsmouth  
to Newark but I couldn't He told me  
that he would call me Tues. nite you  
told me that you wanted to hear from  
me so I wrote you.

I think I may be able to leave ~~my~~ my  
job in about 2 weeks. But before I go  
I would like to just about clear all my debts  
so that my family be set pretty well off  
I was just checking up my bills they  
total \$176.00 If I can pay them and do  
as good on your club as I do on my  
job I will accept your offer but on the